

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR UNITED STATES
PATENT APPLICATION**

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are the same as stated below next to our name.

We believe we are an original, first and sole inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:-

SURFACE FINISHING MACHINE

the specification of which

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is attached hereto

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was filed as PCT International application PCT/AU00/00212 dated 17th March 2000 and was amended on 5th April 2000 and 2nd March 2001.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to us to be material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, S1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, S119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the applicant on which priority is claimed.

Number	Country	Filing Date (d/m/y)	Priority Claimed
PP9267	Australia	17 March 1999	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, S120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, S112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of

Federal Regulation, S1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

Application Serial No.	Filing Date (d/m/y)	Status (Patented, Pending, Abandoned)
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We hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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INDEPENDENT INVENTORS

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY
STATUS (37 C.F.R. 1.9(f) AND 1.27(b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTORS**

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that we qualify as independent inventors as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled SURFACE FINISHING MACHINE described in

- a) ☐ the specification filed herewith.
b) ☒ application serial no. PCT/AU00/00212, filed 17th March 2000
c) ☐ patent no. _____, issued _____

We have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and are under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which we have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or are under obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

- a) ☒ no such person, concern, or organization
b) ☐ persons, concerns or organizations listed below*

*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities.
(37 C.F.R. 1.27)

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a) ☐ INDIVIDUAL b) ☐ SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN c) ☐ NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

We acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 C.F.R. 1.28(b)).

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such wilful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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